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1. The Ch'aoan-Swallow Coastal Patrol Unit contains 12 gunboats and 30 motor junks, headed by the KUO KUANG (國光), 250 tons, equipped with one 13mm machine gun and six heavy machine guns, speed 7.5 knots per hour, and formerly a revenue cutter for the Nationalist Coastal Peace Preservation Unit at Nansao (117-06, 23-22). Another gunboat, the CH'ING P'ING (清平), belonged to the Nationalist Canton Peace Preservation headquarters and was sunk during the battle of Nansao and later salvaged by the Chinese Communists. Other gunboats are the LIBERATION NO. 1, LIBERATION NO. 2, and eight 100-ton landing vessels.

2. The Pearl River Defense Headquarters set up a shipyard on the Hsiao Shih Shan Wan (大小山灣) Island opposite Ta Ch'ian Kuan (大前關) near Huiyang (114-26, 23-05). In late 1950 about 700 shipyard workers were employed under Soviet naval technicians and Chinese Communist staff officers. By the end of April 1951, 27 wooden motor junks, 100 tons each, with a speed of 16 knots and equipped with one 13mm machine gun and four heavy machine guns, had been built and assigned to the Pearl River Defense Headquarters to control smuggling activities.

3. After having attended a conference of the Central South China Military and Political Commission at Hankou, TENG Chao-hsiang, commander of the Central South China Naval District, ordered the completion of the pier construction at Tulin, Hainan, by the end of June.²

4. The Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters, commanded by TSENG Sheng, with LIANG Ping-hua (梁平華) as chief of staff, is near T'ien Tzu (天柱) Wharf, Canton. CHANG Chueh (張楚) is head of the shipyard at Whampoa.

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The following ten gunboats are maintained by the headquarters:
HAI CHIN (海琛), LIBERATION, HAI KUANG (海光), HAI CHU (海秋), HAI JUNG (海隆), HU LI (胡力), HAI NING (海寧), CHIEH FENG (謙風), HAI KU (海國), and HAI TAI (海泰).

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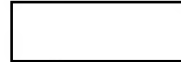
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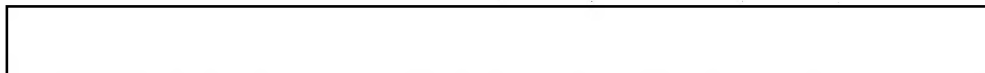
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5. In South China there are 51 Soviet submarines manned by 260 (sic) Chinese Communist sailors, under the command of Soviet Major General Lun-t'a-k'o-fu (倫塔可夫) (?Luntakov) ☐ Of these submarines, 17 are long range, 28 are assault types, and 6 are reconnaissance submarines.
6. On 2 June twenty-six 155 mm guns, forty 105 mm guns, and fifty-six smaller guns arrived at Canton on the Canton-Hankow Railroad. All these guns, of Soviet manufacture, were transported to Humen, Yaimen, Wanshan Islands, Santao Island, Yulin, Swatow, and along the Pearl River to strengthen coastal defenses. ☐

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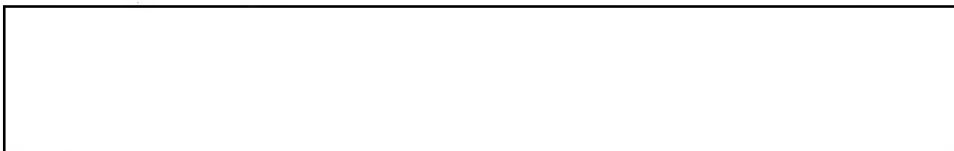
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2. ☐ Comment: These wharves were completed in early June ☐

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